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SUBJECT: GENERAL.

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SPECIFIC: Future German Intelligence Representative in Rome

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1. General Reinhard GEHLEN, ZIPPER Chief, in a recent conversation indicated that he intends to appoint his brother Giovanni (Johannes-Hans) GEHLEN senior German intell' nce representative in Rome when ZIPPER becomes the official intelligence service of the West German Government. GEHLEN plans to limit the GIS representation in Rome to a single man and a secretary.

2. Giovanni GEHLEN was first brought to the attention of the Rome Station in October 1949. You will recall that ☐ subsequently provided biographical data in PIRA-5449.

3. We have further traces indicating that Hans GEHLEN was arrested by CIO in Gorizia in October 1946. At that time, one Captain WALDMAN, a G-2 officer in Germany then running the embryo organization which is now ZIPPER, got in touch with CIO Italy and stated that GEHLEN was on a mission for him (WALDMAN), that GEHLEN be immediately released and that the Italian service not be advised. (Note: ☐ may recall this). As of March 1947, CIO interrogation of GEHLEN and a companion was forwarded ☐ to Headquarters under PIRA-194.

4. Please do not pass this information to liaison at this time.

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